

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

James Lamont Moore,

Case No.: 2:24-cv-00774-JAD-MDC

Petitioner

**Order Granting Motion to Seal and
Granting Extension to File Response to
Petition to October 1, 2024**

Warden Williams, et al.,

Respondents

[ECF Nos. 14, 17]

Respondents ask for an extension to file a response to James Lamont Moore's pro se 28

¹⁰ U.S.C. § 2241 petition for writ of habeas corpus.¹ Good cause appearing, I grant that motion.

11 They also ask to file an exhibit under seal.² While there is a presumption favoring public access
12 to judicial filings and documents,³ a party seeking to seal a judicial record may overcome the
13 presumption by demonstrating “compelling reasons” that outweigh the public policies favoring
14 disclosure.⁴ In general, “compelling reasons” exist where the records may be used for improper
15 purposes.⁵ Here, respondents ask to file Moore’s presentence investigation report (“PSI”) under
16 seal because it contains confidential information that, under Nevada law, cannot be made part of
17 any public record. I have reviewed the report and conclude that respondents have demonstrated

1 ECF No. 17.

21 ||² ECF No. 14.

²² ³ See *Nixon v. Warner Communications, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 597 (1978).

²³ ⁴ *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178-79 (9th Cir. 2006) (citations omitted).

⁵ *Id.* at 1179 (citing *Nixon*, 435 U.S. at 598).

1 compelling reasons to file it under seal. So I grant the motion, and the PSI will remain under
2 seal.

3 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that respondents' motion for extension of time to file a
4 response to the petition [ECF No. 17] is GRANTED *nunc pro tunc* to September 10, 2024. **The**
5 **deadline to file the response is extended to October 1, 2024.**

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondents' motion for leave to file exhibit under seal
7 [ECF No. 14] is GRANTED. **The Clerk of Court is directed to MAINTAIN THE SEAL on**
8 **ECF No. 15.**

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10 U.S. District Judge Jennifer A. Dorsey
11 September 18, 2024

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